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SUBJECT: USOSCE GUIDANCE: DRAFT DECISION ON THE 18TH ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

REF: ATKINSON-RINCON E-MAIL DATED JULY 29

¶1. (U) Per referenced request for guidance, the Department agrees that the decision on the theme, agenda, and modalities for the 18th Economic and Environmental Forum is a worthwhile one. The Department would like USOSCE to seek an addition to the third paragraph, which should be along the lines of one of the following options:

-- Option one: In the third bullet point, please add the words "endangered species, and ozone depleting substances" so the bullet reads, "- Safeguarding of the security of the international transport circuit, including the fight against transnational crime, terrorism, and trafficking in weapons, drugs, human beings, endangered species, and ozone depleting substances;"

-- Option two: In the fourth bullet point, please add the words "including green customs" so the bullet reads, "- Impact of transportation on environment and security, including green customs;"

This change is desired to reflect past work with UNEP on agreed customs training programs focusing on illegal trade in wildlife or endangered species, covered by the Convention in trade in Endangered Species (CITES) and Ozone Depleting Substances (covered by the Montreal Protocol). Given the status of negotiations, however, and the Department's judgment that this one flaw does not warrant blocking the decision outright, USOSCE is authorized to join consensus on the Draft Permanent Council Declaration (PC.DD/15/09/Rev.3).
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